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Applicant: James N. Suddath et al.

Serial No.: 10/052,048

Group Art Unit: 1752

Filing Date: January 17, 2002

Examiner: Hoa Van Le

For: WATER LINE DECONTAMINATION SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 6, 2003, the deadline for response thereto being November 6, 2003, Applicant submits the following reply.

**The Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement and has required Applicant to elect between the following groups of claims for prosecution the merits:

- I. Claims 1-20 directed to a system for selectably delivering sanitized water or steam; and
- II. Claim 21 directed to a method for delivering sanitized water to, and cleaning biofilm from, a fluid delivery line.

Applicant notes for the record that in the Office Action the claims of Group I were identified as being claims 1-20 and the claims of Group II were identified as being claims 17-31. This is a typographical error. The application as filed included 21 claims, of which claims 1-20 are article claims and claim 21 is a method claim. In a telephone conference with

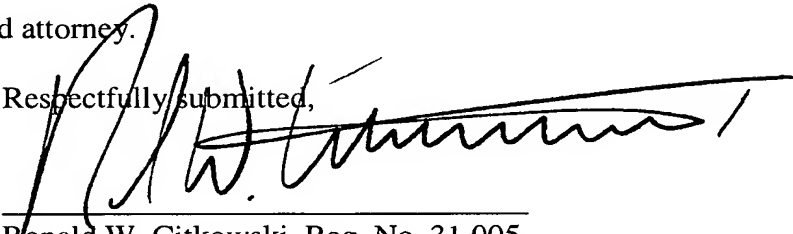
the Examiner on October 14, 2003, the Examiner clarified that Group II should comprise claim 21 only.

**Election**

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-20, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse, and Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice. Any questions or comments the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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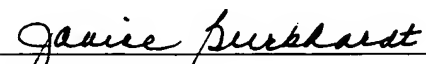
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